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Raised Bill No. 5094

LCO No. 380

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-283b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) For the purpose of this section "emergency vehicle" means any
4 vehicle with activated flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an
5 emergency medical service organization responding to an emergency
6 call, (2) operated by a fire department or by any officer of a fire
7 department responding to a fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a
8 police officer, (4) that is a maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-
9 1, or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1, "police officer" has
10 the meaning set forth in section 7-294a, and "highway" [means a state
11 or public highway] has the meaning set forth in section 14-1 with
12 [three] two or more travel lanes that proceed in the same direction.

13 (b) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when
14 approaching one or more stationary emergency vehicles located on the
15 shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall (1)
16 immediately reduce speed to a reasonable level below the posted

17 speed limit, and (2) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder,
 18 lane or breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such
 19 motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be
 20 unreasonable or unsafe.

21 (c) [A violation of any provision of this section shall be] Any person
 22 who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall have
 23 committed an infraction, except that if [a violation of the provisions of
 24 subsection (a)] such violation results in the injury of the operator of an
 25 emergency vehicle, [the operator of the motor vehicle that caused such
 26 injury] such person shall be fined [in an amount not to exceed] not
 27 more than two thousand five hundred dollars [,] and, if such violation
 28 results in the death of the operator of an emergency vehicle, [the
 29 operator of the motor vehicle that caused such death] such person shall
 30 be fined [in an amount not to exceed] not more than ten thousand
 31 dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	14-283b

Statement of Purpose:

To better protect the operators of emergency vehicles by making the requirement that an operator move over one lane if travelling in the lane adjacent to where a stationary emergency vehicle is located applicable to highways with two or more lanes proceeding in the same direction.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]